

E-mail notice sent to all Hospital Data Reporting Contacts on November 29, 2007

**Subject: Hospital Discharge Data – 200702 Updates**

As you are all aware, there have been many changes implemented recently on the national level. Some of the changes affect the discharge data that is reported to the state. The 2007 data specifications were posted on the Department's website in June of 2006, and we have tried to avoid making any changes to those specifications. However, in view of the recent national changes, it has become necessary to make some updates to the reporting specifications.

Additionally, the national changes have affected some of the audits that are conducted by the state, requiring revisions to existing audits.

The 2007 Discharge Data Specifications Layout and the Audit Error Data Dictionary have both been revised, and are now available on our website at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospa1/index.htm>

One other issue that can affect the reported discharge data is that the national definitions of Source of Admission codes 4 and 7 have been revised. The state is recognizing the changes for discharges on/after October 1, 2007. If you have not already done so, please review and familiarize yourself with the new national definitions of these two codes.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.